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### Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

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**Applicant(s)**

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**Examiner**

STEPHEN G. SHERMAN

**Art Unit**

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**Period for Reply** -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 April 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5-8, 11, 21 and 22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-8, 11, 21 and 22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/808)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed 21 April 2008. Claims 5-8, 12 and 21-22 are pending.

***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 5-8, 11 and 21-22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:  

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claims 5-8, 12 and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Independent claim 12, from which claims 5-8 and 21-22 depend, recites the limitations "the control circuit outputs to the scan driver a second clock signal, the second clock signal synchronized with the first clock signal and providing a two clock period at every n signal creation, by way of not being created every n (n>2) signal

creation thereof", "the control circuit outputs to the data driver blanking data other than the display data in place of the display data during one clock signal period in the first half of the two clock signal period at every n signal creation" and "the scan driver, in accordance with the second clock signal, sequentially shifts pixel rows to be selected, and during one clock signal period in the first half of the two clock signal at every n signal creation", which render the claims indefinite. First of all it is unclear what is meant by "the second clock signal...providing a two clock period at every n signal creation, by way of not being created every n signal creation thereof". The examiner is unsure whether this means that there is a signal period in which two clocks are provided or whether this means that the second clock has two clock periods or whether there is a period where there is only two clock pulses. Further, the claim states "the control circuit outputs to the data driver blanking data...during one clock signal in the first half of the two clock signal period at every n signal creation", which is unclear as to its meaning. Since the examiner is unsure what is meant by "a two clock period" as states above, the examiner cannot possibly be sure what this meant by a first half of this period, and further when looking at the applicant's Figures 7 and 8, if it is meant that the second clock has two periods, one where there is a clock and one when there is not, it is shown clearly in the figures that the second clock period is not divided in half, but rather the first part is 4/5 and the second part is 1/5, which is not half. Further it is stated that the "blanking data" is supplied in the "first half" of the "two clock period" every n signal creation, and the clock signal is not created every n signal creation, where it is unclear whether this n signal creation is meant to be the same n signal creations or

different n signal creations, and if it is the same n signal creations and it is meant that there are two periods in the second clock, then the same n signal creations cannot occur is the first and second periods. Also, the claim recites the limitation "the scan driver...sequentially shifts pixels rows to be selected...during one clock period in the first half of the two clock signal at every n signal creation", which is unclear for similar reasons as stated above. Due to the magnitude of the indefiniteness of claim 12, the examiner cannot possibly understand what the applicant is intending to claims, and thus cannot understand the claims dependent therefrom.

### ***Conclusion***

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to STEPHEN G. SHERMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-2941. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amr Awad can be reached on (571) 272-7764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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